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Appln. No.: 09/803,690

Group Art Unit: 3751

Filed: March 12, 2001

Examiner: J. Jacyna

For: APPARATUS FOR DETECTING LEAKS IN A PRESSURIZED AIR  
CONDITIONING OR REFRIGERATION SYSTEM

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June 19, 2001

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION OF MAY 7, 2001

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This submission is in response to the Official Action of  
May 7, 2001. Kindly consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 13-17 are presently pending in this application  
and stand rejected.

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REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC 101

On page 2, in numbered paragraph 2, of the Official Action, the Examiner rejects claims 13-17 under 35 USC 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-5 of prior U.S. Patent 6,186,197. More specifically, the Examiner states:

The only difference between claims 13-17 and patent claims 1-5 is on lines 10-13 of claim 13 which call for the fluid to be "selected from the group consisting of a lubricant, a fluid dye....and combinations thereof" wherein patent claim 1 (see col. 6, lines 28-29) uses the wording "said fluid comprises a lubricant and a fluid dye". One of ordinary skill in the art would have understood either phrase to include various mixtures of lubricants and fluid dyes for refrigeration systems wherein there is no patentable distinction in the different wording.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. On May 15, 2001, Applicant's legal representative and the Examiner discussed the rejection in a telephone conversation. Applicant's legal representative explained that U.S. Patent 6,186,197 (Trigiani) claimed a fluid comprising a lubricant and a fluid dye. The present U.S. patent application is claiming a fluid comprising a lubricant, a dye or a combination thereof. The Examiner agreed that the language of the present patent application is broader than that of the patent. However, the Examiner stated that he would now

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require submission of a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent 6,186,197 to overcome the rejection. Accordingly, Applicant is submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent 6,186,197.


In view of the above-given explanation and the attached Terminal Disclaimer, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn and that claims 13-17 be allowed.

The sole rejection having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any matters remain in this application which might be resolved by interview, the Examiners is requested to telephone the undersigned at 570-386-5744.

Respectfully submitted,

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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)</b>			Docket No. <b>0111084/044</b>	
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.

☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

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Dated: **June 19, 2001**

I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on **June 19, 2001** with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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